



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday, January 28, 2008

***NELSON DEPARTING GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
Will Open Exploratory Committee***

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano has announced that General Counsel Tim Nelson will leave the Governor's Office to explore a possible campaign for Maricopa County Attorney. Nelson, who has served with the Governor since she was inaugurated to her first term in office, will complete his final day on the job on February 8.

"Tim Nelson has given greatly of himself in service to Arizona," said Governor Janet Napolitano. "His expertise in the law, combined with his extensive knowledge of government, has been a tremendous asset to me, and one that cannot be easily replaced. He will be missed."

While serving as the Governor's general counsel, Nelson represented the Governor in litigation, including three State Supreme Court cases; lead the Governor's efforts on the development of the Phoenix Biomedical Campus; advised the Governor on legal issues including health care law and immigration; and was her chief adviser on judicial appointments. He was instrumental in the creation of the CoppeRx Card, a prescription discount program that has saved seniors more than \$18 million since its inception.

Nelson has enjoyed a long association with Governor Napolitano. He was special counsel and antitrust unit chief at the Office of the Attorney General. Prior to his time at the AG's office, he was in the private practice of law for 12 years, including as partner with the Phoenix law firm of Brown & Bain, PA (now known as Perkins, Coie, Brown & Bain).

Nelson holds a Juris Doctorate from the George Washington University National Law Center, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

For more information about the Office of the Governor, please visit www.azgovernor.gov.